

NOTICES
SERVICES FOR HOLY WEEK & EASTER
MAUNDY THURSDAY

7.30pm Holy Communion Abbotsley

GOOD FRIDAY

10am Liturgy of the Cross Little Gransden

2pm Watch by the Cross Waresley

6pm 'The Way of the Cross' Great Gransden

EASTER SUNDAY

9.30am Family Communion Great Gransden

11.15am Family Communion Waresley

MEMBERSHIP OF OUR CHURCHES & REVIEW OF ELECTORAL ROLL If

you would like your name added to our churches' Electoral Rolls please contact the appropriate Electoral Roll Officer — Mark Doggett or Alison Wareham.

RETIREMENT OF REVD CATHARINE FURLONG—After 12 years of ministry in our parishes Catharine retires 31st March. This will be followed by a period of Inter-regnum. **Catherine's final service will be on Sunday 15th April at 10.30am at GG Church followed by a bring-and-share celebration lunch in LG Village Hall. All welcome.**

CHURCH DIARY

Wed	21st	6.30pm	Choir Practice	GG Church
		7.30pm	GG PCC	The School
Thur	22nd	7.30pm	Bellringing Practice	GG Church

PLEASE TAKE THIS SHEET HOME WITH YOU

SUNDAY SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE IN THE NEXT FORTNIGHT

Sunday 25th March			Sunday 1st April		
9.30 am	Family Communion CW	LG	9.30am	Family Communion CW	GG
11 am	All Age Worship	A	11.15am	Family Communion	W
6pm	Evening Prayer BCP	GG			

A = Abbotsley, GG = Great Gransden, LG = Little Gransden, W = Waresley
 BCP = Book of Common Prayer, CW = Common Worship

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**THE PARISHES OF
 GREAT AND LITTLE GRANSDEN**

18th March

The Fifth Sunday of Lent—Passion Sunday

We welcome Jemima and Tabitha Sibley and Amelie Sykes-White into Baptism today.

COLLECT

Most merciful God,
 who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world:
 grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory;
 through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
 who is alive and reigns with you,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

FIRST READING

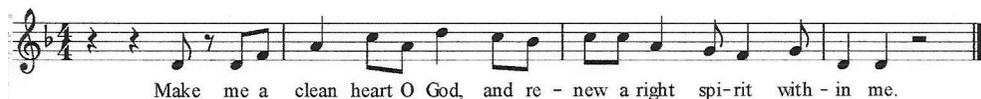
Jeremiah 31.31-34 (*not announced*)

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, 'Know the Lord', for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord **All: Thanks be to God**

PSALM 51.1-12



Make me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

- 1 Have mercy on me, O God, in | your great goodness;
according to the abundance of your compassion blot out | my offences.
- 2 Wash me thoroughly | from my wickedness
and cleanse me | from my sin.

Make me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

- 3 For I acknowledge my faults and my sin is e | ver before me.
- 4 Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil | in your sight,
- 5 So that you are justified | in your sentence
and righteous | in your judgement.

Make me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

- 6 I have been wicked even | from my birth,
a sinner when my mo | ther conceived me.
- 7 Behold, you desire truth | deep within me
and shall make me understand wisdom in the depths | of my heart.

Make me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

- 8 Purge me with hyssop and I | shall be clean;
wash me and I shall be whi | ter than snow.
- 9 Make me hear | of joy and gladness,
that the bones you have broken | may rejoice.

Make me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

- 10 Turn your face | from my sins
and blot out all | my misdeeds.
- 11 Make me a clean | heart, O God,
and renew a right spi | rit within me.

Make me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

SECOND READING

Hebrews 5.5-10 (*not announced*)

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

‘You are my Son,
today I have begotten you’;

as he says also in another place,

‘You are a priest for ever,
according to the order of Melchizedek.’

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord **All: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL READING

John 12.20-33

Priest: Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, ‘Sir, we wish to see Jesus.’ Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, ‘The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour.

‘Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—“Father, save me from this hour”? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.’ Then a voice came from heaven, ‘I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.’ The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, ‘An angel has spoken to him.’ Jesus answered, ‘This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.’ He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

Priest: This is the gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**